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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Here is a promise from Proverbs 2:2-6 on how to pray for wisdom: "Incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come understanding and knowledge."

Let us pray:

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, we confess our lack of wisdom to solve the problems of our Nation and world. The best of our education, experience, and erudition is not enough. We turn to You and ask for the gift of wisdom. You never tire of offering it; we desire it; and our times require it. We are stunned by the qualifications of receiving wisdom. Proverbs reminds us that the secret is creative fear of You. What does it mean to fear You? You have taught us that it is awe, wonder, and humble adoration. Our profound concern is that we might be satisfied with our surface analysis and be unresponsive to Your offer of wisdom. Lord, grant the Senators knowledge and understanding of Your wisdom so that they may speak Your words on their lips. When nothing less will do, You give wisdom to those who humbly ask for it. Thank You, God. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JACK REED led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD.)

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 3, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. REED thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President the Senate will resume consideration of the Vietnam Trade Act forthwith. We hope to complete that action early today, hopefully by noon—if not, early this afternoon. Then we are going to go to the Aviation Security Act. We hope to complete that late today or at the latest tomorrow.

I would like also to indicate that I spoke late last night with Senator LEAHY. Everyone is always concerned about how the Judiciary Committee is moving along. They have been heavily involved in all kinds of problems due to the September 11 incident. But one thing the committee has been working on, literally night and day, is the antiterrorism legislation. But in addition to that I am happy to report the Judiciary Committee tomorrow will report out a circuit court judge from New York, a district court judge from Mis-

issippi, up to 15 U.S. attorneys, one Assistant Attorney General, and the Director of the United States Marshals Service. That will be done tomorrow afternoon.

There will be a hearing also in the Judiciary Committee tomorrow. There will be a hearing on a circuit court judge from Louisiana, two district court judges from Oklahoma, a district court judge from Kentucky, a district court judge from Nebraska, and Jay Bybee to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel.

The following week there are going to be a number of hearings, including one on John Walters to be Director of the Office of National Drug Policy. There is going to be a hearing on the 16th on Tom Sansoneppi to be Assistant Attorney General for Natural Resources. Then there is going to be an additional hearing on the 18th of this month on a circuit court judge and five district court judges.

So Senator LEAHY is to be commended for the work he is doing in conjunction with Senator HATCH and moving these nominations along. Senator LEAHY has a tremendous load. On behalf of the majority leader, I extend appreciation from the entire Senate for the great work he has been doing.

VIETNAM TRADE ACT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.J. Res. 51, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 51) approving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment with respect to the products of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Pennsylvania.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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